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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, the Applicants herewith transmit the attached Form PTO/SB/08a, including a copy of the foreign patent document which was cited in a European Search Report received from the European Patent Office (issue date of June 19, 2007) with respect to related Patent Application No. 03258145.6-2223, and which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the European Search Report provided by the European Patent Office is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. Patent documents are omitted.

The document Nos. EP 1 041 566, WO 02/079902 and U.S. 2002/0056081, listed in the attached European Search Report, were submitted in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement on February 21, 2006. Accordingly, document Nos. EP 1 041 566, WO 02/079902 and U.S. 2002/0056081 are omitted from this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first office action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is believed to be required. However, the Applicants do certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart

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foreign application, the attached European Search Report provided by the European Patent Office, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application, and to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission by the Applicants as to the materiality of the attached documents to the application, nor do the Applicants waive any right to challenge the validity of the documents as prior art should such action be deemed appropriate.

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